

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified Application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-12 are in the case. Claims 1-11 have been amended.

Regarding the rejection of Claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Applicants' admitted prior art (APA) in view of the patent to Eisenstein, independent Claims 1, 5 and 9 have been amended to overcome the rejection, while Claims 2-4, 5-8, 10 and 11 have been amended to maintain consistency of terminology in view of the amendments to Claims 1, 5 and 9. It is respectfully submitted that these claims as now written distinguish patentably over the APA and the patent to Eisenstein.

Claim 1 as now written recites in pertinent part "*control the extent of the portion of the expression or equation that is selected by the selection box*" (emphasis added). In Eisenstein all that is taught is pressing an EXPR key in a selection mode when an operator is selected, which causes the expression containing the operator to be selected. There is no teaching or suggestion of controlling the extent of the portion of the expression that is selected, only selecting the expression itself. The other art of record is even less relevant.

Independent Claims 5 and 9 include similar limitations to those discussed above in connection with Claim 1, and so the above arguments apply as well to those claims. Therefore, for all of the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 5 and 9 are allowable over all of the art of record, whether considered alone or in any combination. All of the other claims subject to this rejection depend, either directly or indirectly, from one of Claims 1, 5 and 9, and so are allowable as well for the same reasons, as well as for the additional limitations found therein.

It is therefore respectfully requested that that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

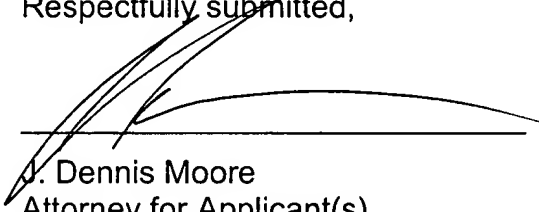
It is respectfully submitted that the claims recite the patentably distinguishing features of the invention and that, taken together with the above remarks, the present application is now in proper form for allowance.

Reconsideration of the application, as amended, and allowance of the claims are requested at an early date.

While it is believed that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, the Applicants petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees to the Deposit Account No. 20-0668 of Texas Instruments Incorporated.

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